

REMARKS

Claims 12-14 and 34-50 are pending in the application.

Claim 12 is canceled.

Claims 13, 37-43, and 45-50 have been amended.

Claim 13 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 12, now canceled, from which it depended.

Claims 37-43 and 45-50 have been amended to correct proper dependency to now amended claim 13.

No new matter has been added by these amendments.

Applicants respectfully request entry of the present amendments.

Claim Rejections under 35 USC § 102(b)

1) The Examiner has rejected claims 12, 37, 38, 39, 40, and 41 under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by Dae (USPN 6,231,594).

Applicants have canceled claim 12.

Applicants have amended claims 37, 38, 39, 40, and 41 to depend upon allowable claim 13 as amended.

Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claims 37, 38, 39, 40, and 41 under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by Dae.

Claim Rejections under 35 USC § 103(a)

2) The Examiner has rejected claims 45-50 under 35 USC § 103(a) as being obvious over Dae.

Applicants have canceled claim 12 upon which claims 45-50 depended and amended claims 45-50 to depend from allowable claim 13 as amended.

Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claims 45-50 under 35 USC § 103(a) as being obvious over Dae.

Allowable Subject Matter

3) The Examiner has allowed claims 34, 35, and 26.

4) Applicants have re-written claim 13 in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim.

CONCLUSION

With the above additional remarks, Applicants submit that the instant application is now in condition for allowance.

If the US Patent Office believes that communication would further the prosecution of this application, then the appropriate US Patent Office personnel are invited to contact the Applicants' below-signed representative at their earliest convenience.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Bell & Associates Deposit Account No. 50-3194.

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